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Subject: Guam National Guard Input / Comment on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)

The following general comments are provided for your review and consideration:

1. Live Fire Training Range Complex at Northwest Field & Live Grenade Training Area Andersen South: Utilization by USMC is approximately 39 weeks out of the year with remaining 13 weeks for maintenance/down days. Nowhere in this document does it mention use by the Guam National Guard (GUNG) or other reserve components, but CASA did allude to it in his article in the PDN. These facilities support the much needed individual weapons training requirements for our Army units, but a few questions need to be raised:

- a. Will the ARNG be given sufficient access to these facilities for our training requirements?
- b. Is there time to coordinate integrating Army specific range requirements into their range construction plans?
- c. Will there be cost sharing involved?
- d. The Guam National Guard and other Reserve Component Units already compete for limited ranges and training resources. As the USMC begins their build up, will they have priority on existing ranges (in the interim)?
- e. If South Finegayan/NCTS is decided as the Main Cantonment/Family Housing, will construction shut down the use of NCTS range leaving only AAFB and Orote Point firing ranges for Guam National Guard and other Reserve Component unit's use?
- f. Will the new range at Northwest Field add more capability for higher caliber weapons systems/Crew Served Weapons?

2. Maintenance Support: The document explains that the USMC will have all its needed support for the force here. Because we have like equipment (Rolling stock, comms, other green gear, etc.) and weapons systems, the following questions come to mind:

- a. As they begin to build up, will there be a need for "interim" support? i.e. CSMS maintenance support to their rolling stock or weapons repair...can we/should we support?

- b. In the long term, can we/should we go into a support agreement with them vice sending our equipment off island? Will the support?
3. Main Cantonment/Family Housing Alternative, Barrigada. This alternative appears to rank alongside the preferred alternatives of South Finegayan/NCTS. If the USMC decides to use the Barrigada alternative, this decision may impact us in the following:
- a. It may affect Guam National Guard growth by delaying ongoing process to acquire additional acreage north or east of our existing compound.
  - b. Shuts down our access to training areas that we currently use in the Radio Barrigada area.
  - c. Plans call for a Family Housing entrance just north of our main entrance. Potential for increase in traffic to our gas station and future shoppette.
4. The Potential of jobs for Unemployed GUNG Soldiers/Airmen. SEIS states plans to bring in off-island construction workers, at peak = 3,175, and off-island workers for indirect/induced jobs, at peak = 548 (steady state 227), and at steady state 338 civilian military workers. The "Keep Your Guard Up" initiative, if marketed/targeted properly, has the potential to get our unemployed Soldiers/Airmen linked up with jobs.

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